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A) Structure

Sujet + radical
Subject + verb root

Exemple
Example:

*I work, you work, we work, they work.
He works, she works, it works.*

Attention, pour la 3ème personne du singulier, il faut ajouter un "s" au radical.
Remember to add an « s » on the verb root for the third person singular form.

B) Utilisation, Use:

a) Pour annoncer une vérité générale : / *To state a truth:*

The sun rises in the East.

b) Pour décrire une action répétée ou régulière /
To describe a repeated or frequent action :

It rains in November.

c) Pour se présenter ou pour décrire quelqu'un ou quelque chose / *To introduce oneself or to describe something or someone :*

*My name is Maria, I am an English teacher.
I have dark hair.*

C) Les astuces : Useful tips :

Les adverbes de fréquence nous aident à trouver la forme grammaticale juste.
Frequency adverbs can help us to find the right grammar form.

Mot clés : keywords

always, often, never

every + morning, day, afternoon, evening, night, week, weekend, Monday, month, year, century

Chaque fois que ces mots clés figurent dans une phrase, et chaque fois qu'ils sont sous-entendus, nous devons utiliser le présent simple.

Each time these key words appear in a sentence, or each time they are understood, we should use the present simple.

D) Forme interrogative **Question Form**

Auxiliaire do, does (3^{eme} personne du singulier) + sujet + radical
Auxiliary verb do, does (3rd person singular form) + subject + verb root

Exemple :

Example :

Do I work? Do you work ? Do we work ? Do they work ? Does he, she, it work ?

Attention :

Le S de la troisième personne singulier se déplace vers l'auxiliaire do.

The « s » from the third person singular shifts to the auxiliary verb.

Does he work?

E) Forme Négative **Negative form**

I do not work, you do not work, we do not work, they do not work.

He does not work, she does not work, it does not work.

Forme négative contractée

Contracted negative form :

I don't work, you don't work, we don't work, they don't work.

He doesn't work, she doesn't work, it doesn't work.

Examples:

The Seine flows in Paris. (vérité, truth)

It often rains in November. (action répétée, frequent action)

I always drink coffee in the morning. (adverbe de fréquence, frequency adverb)